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Identical letters dated 12 September 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you of an incident that occurred at around 1400 hours on 29 August 2013 in the locality of Jabal Shahl, on the outskirts of Shab'a town inside Lebanese territory. An Israeli enemy patrol attempted to abduct the Lebanese citizen Ali Qasim Zahra, who was grazing his flock. He succeeded in escaping along with the flock.

My Government considers this action to be a blatant violation of my country's sovereignty, and it must be condemned on the basis of the principles and provisions of international law and international norms.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 36, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nawaf **Salam**
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